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THURSDAY—Morning Session.

The fifth Annual Convocation of the Archdeaconry for Work among the Colored People in the Diocese of North Carolina, assembled in St. Luke's Church, Tarboro, Aug. 23d, 1906, at 10 A. M. Hymn 491 was sung as a processional. Morning Prayers were said by Rev. J. E. King, assisted by Rev. P. P. Alston who read the Scripture lessons, and Rev. H. B. Delany who read the Litany and closing prayers.

Bishop Chesire then made some announcements and said he would defer his address until the afternoon session at 4 P. M.

Rev. A. B. Hunter was to preach the annual sermon on Sunday, but, at the Bishop's request, he preached at the opening service. He spoke from a portion of the 16th chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke. He told the story of the Unjust Steward and drew many lessons of spiritual guidance from the parable. "All our bodily powers," said he, "May be turned into right channels and be a power for good among men." "The instruments of unrighteousness may be turned into use for the Kingdom of Righteousness. Every time we sin it is because our wills are not right with God. The body, mind and will which may be easy tools of unrighteousness, may all, ought all, to be turned into use for the Kingdom of Righteousness. Pleasure, power, and property may be prostituted to base purposes; but God does not intend it to be so. But all are to be turned from the mammon of unrighteousness to the glory of the Kingdom of God."

After the sermon, Holy Communion was administered by Bishop Chesire assisted by Archdeacon Pollard. A large number of members communicated.

At the close of the morning service, the business meeting was called to order by the Bishop.

The roll was then called and the following clergy and lay delegates of the several parishes and missions responded:—

Bishop Joseph Blount Chesire, Jr., Archdeacon J. H. M. Pollard.

Charlotte—St. Michael and All Angels: Rev. P. P. Alston, Clergyman; Green Womack, Layman.

Littleton—Rev. John S. Simmons, Clergyman; Virgil N. Bond, Layman.

Louisburg—Geo. C Pollard, Walter Boyd Foster, Laymen.

Noise—Joel T. Fuller, Layman.

Raleigh—St. Ambrose, Rev. J. E. King, Clergyman, Wiley Latham, John G. Dunn, Laymen.

Raleigh—St. Augustine's, Rev. A. B. Hunter, Rev. H. B. Delnay, Clergymen; Chas. H. Boyer, Layman.

Taroro—St. Luke's, Rev. John W. Perry, Clergyman; C. M. Dancy, Levi Thigpen, Laymen.

Wilson—Rev. Robert N. Perry, Clergyman.

Warrenton—Otis M. Green, Layman.

Pittsboro—Robt. Johnson.

Warren Co. St. Luke's,—Jas. K. Satterwhite.

Statesville—Robt. L. Harris, Layman.

Satterwhite—

Oxford—Rev. Chas. H. Male, Clergyman.

Chas. H. Boyer was then elected Secretary of the Convocation.

The Convocation then took a recess until 4 P. M.

THURSDAY—Afternoon Session.

The meeting was called to order by the Bishop. He then read his annual address.

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A motion was then made and carried to refer that portion of the address touching upon separate organization and missionary Bishops to a special committee.

The Treasurer's report was then called for and was read by Rev. A. B. Hunter.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

AUGUST 1904—1905.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Sept. 10, 1904	$ 27 80
Charlotte, St. Michael and All Angels	32 48
Littleton, St. Anna's	1 51
Louisburg, St. Matthias'	3 50
" " "	1 79
Oxford	2 24
Pittsboro, St. James	12 00
Raleigh, St. Ambrose	29 00
" " St. Augustine's	88 00
Satterwhite, St. Simeon's	3 44
Statesville, Holy Cross	4 75
Tarboro, St. Luke's	23 35
Warren Co., St. Luke's	5 70
Warrenton, All Saints	12 50
" " " "	6 13
Wilson, St. Mark's	1 72
Bishop Chesire	38 75
	294 66
Expenses	247 15
Balance	47 51
Other funds on deposit	41 08
Total Balance on hand,	$ 88 59

EXPENDITURES.

Travelling Expenses of Delegates		59 65
Rev. J. W. Perry	$10 40	
" H. B. Delany	8 25	
" J. E. King	7 00	
" T. B. Bailey	1 80	
S. M. Peace	9 90	
Geo. C. Pollard	13 30	
Chas. H. Boyer	9 00	
	$ 59 65	
Stipend, Rev. C. H. Male		137 50
Printing Annual Report		10 00
		$ 247 15

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 21, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, August 31, 1905	$ 88 59
Offerings at Convocation services	3 12
Offerings at Diocesan Convention	25 50
The Rt. Rev'd J. B. Chesire	52 22
Charlotte, St Michael and All Angels	57 69
Littleton, St. Anna's	6 75
Louisburg, St. Matthias'	8 00
Noise, St. Phillip's	
Oxford	
Pittsboro, St. James	16 26
Raleigh, St. Ambrose	40 14
" " Augustine's	97 07
Satterwhite, St. Simeon's	1 09
Statesville, Holy Cross	2 00
Tarboro, St. Luke's	30 05
Warrenton, All Saints	17 58
Warren Co., St. Luke's	12 01
Wilson, St. Mark's	5 00
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EXPENDITURES

Travelling Expenses of Delegates	$ 47	55
Special appropriation to Mr. George C. Pollard	5	00
Printing annual report	10	00
Stipend of the Rev. C. H. Male	150	00
Stipend of Mr. Joel T. Fuller	137	50
Special for the Revs. C. H. Male, R.N. Perry and John S. Simmons from the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Michael and All Angels, Charlotte	10	00
Balance on hand, August 21, 1906	103	01
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A motion was made and carried to refer report to the Finance Committee.

The Bishop then read the following committees:

Committee of Finance—Rev. Primus P. Alston, Rev. Robt. N. Perry, Mr. Geo. C. Pollard, Mr. Robt. Harris, Mr. Levi Thigpen.

Committee on Bishop's Address—Archdeacon Pollard, Rev. Jno. W. Perry, Rev. Jas. E. King, Mr. Wiley J. Latham, Joel T. Fuller.

Archdeacon Pollard then made his annual report. After which the Bishop called upon the various parishes and missions for reports of the past year's work. Mr. Alston reported for St. Michaels and All Angels, Charlotte. He said that his church is in a fair state of improvement, especially in a financial way. The young people have shown increased interest in the work. Also there is increased interest among the young people in the Sunday School. The Day School has been successful beyond all expectation. Had a larger number of students than ever before.

The Bishop then read the following names of the Committtee on the State of the Church:—Rev.H. B. Delany, Rev. C. H. Male, Mr. Otis Green, Mr. Green Womack.

Rev. John Simmons was then called upon to report for Littleton. He said that he had first begun work July 15th and therefore had nothing special to report, but said that the work was hopeful.

Mr. Geo. C. Pollard then reported for St. Matthias', Louisburg. He said that the work was being hindered by three male members of the Church, and that something ought to be done that the work may grow.

Mr. Joel Fuller was called upon to report for Noise. He said that the work was hopeful, and that he and his wife were full of zeal for the work.

Rev. C. H. Male reported for Oxford and Satterwhite. He said that the work was very encouraging. The congregation does well according to their means, but they are very poor, therefore it is impossible to raise money. At Satterwhite the little chapel has been nicely ceiled, plastered and painted. An acre of land has been given to be used as a cemetery.

St. Cyprian's Chapel at Oxford was completed in February at the cost of $500. He hopes to erect a suitable building for the day school as soon as funds are available.

Rev. J. S. King reported for St. James', Pittsboro. He said he was somewhat discouraged with the work the past year, but the fault was largely due to the teacher, who did not do faithful work. The people have met their obligations and if only a good teacher can be secured, better results will be reported next year.

For St. Ambrose, Raleigh, he says the work will compare favorably with any in the state. From a very poor beginning, they now have their own buildings and out of debt, except about $210. All things considered he feels greatly encouraged for the future growth of the parish.

Rev. A. B. Hunter gave a report for St. Augustine's School. He spoke of the good work done by the different Church organizations, the Woman's Auxiliary, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, which carries on a mission for the people on a neighboring plantation. A great deal of good has been done for the people of the neighborhood,

Rev. J. W. Perry gave an interesting report of the work of St. Luke's Church, Tarboro. He says his work is in good shape and free of debt. The school is in excellent

condition, and considering the number of inhabitants, the school is one of the largest and best in the state.

The Bishop then read a statistical report of Holy Cross, Statesville, in the absence of Rev. T. B. Bailey. He also read the report of St. Luke's, Warren Co.

Rev. Robert N. Perry was then called upon to report for St. Mark's, Wilson. He began the work there in September. The work had been long neglected but is now beginning to show signs of life. The most encouraging part of his work is in the day school. There is a great opportunity to gather in the children and train them up in the Church, as there are 1700 children of school age in Wilson and only 450 in the city schools. So his school was overcrowded. He says he desires greatly to erect a suitable school building. The Church organizations are very active and he feels greatly encouraged by his own members and by the interest of the people outside of the Church. There is no opposition from other denominations.

The Bishop then read the report submitted by Mr. F. M. Kennedy, lay reader of the new mission at Winston.

It was then decided to have a sermon at the night session. The Bishop appointed Rev. J. E. King to preach.

The Convocation then adjourned until 8 P. M.

THURSDAY—Night Session.

Evening service began at eight o'clock. There was a large congregation present. Hymn 582 was sung as a processional. Prayers were said by Rev. Robert N. Perry and Rev. C. H. Male. Rev. J. E. King preached a very practical sermon from the following text, St. John, 11th. chapter, 28th. verse: "And when she had so said, she went her way and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee." He said that love was the something in the home of Lazarus and his sisters that made it attractive to Jesus. It was a home where there was no discord. Love awakens an-

other emotion, sympathy. The world and this life would be dreary without it. It behooves every Christian to consecrate his home to Christ; make it a home of love and sympathy, of purity and chastity, a fit place for the dwelling of our Lord.

The services closed with prayers and the singing of Hymn 519 as a recessional.

Early Communion was celebrated at 6:30 o'clock, by Archdeacon Pollard assisted by Rev. J. S. Simmons and Rev. Robt. N. Perry.

FRIDAY—Morning Session

Morning Prayers were said by Archdeacon Pollard, assisted by Rev. J. S. Simmons, at 9:30 a. m.

The business meeting of the convocation was called to order by the Archdeacon at 10:30 o'clock, and the minutes for Thursday's sessions were read and approved, with necessary corrections. The committee on the Bishop's address not being ready to report, Messrs. Harris and Satterwhite were called upon to report for St. Luke's Warren Co. They said that the work is growing but think that more frequent services would aid the growth of the Church greatly.

At the Archdeacon's suggestion, which was heartily indorsed by the Bishop, a motion was made and carried to increase the stipend of the layman in charge of the work at Noise to $200, per annum. A long discussion followed as to the best means of raising money for the Church.

It was thought best to continue the method adopted by the Convocation last year.

On motion the Convocation took a recess to await the report of the Committee on the Bishop's Address.

The Committee returning, the Convocation was called to order to hear the report.

A majority report was made by Archdeacon Pollard Rev. J. E. King and Messrs. Wiley Latham and Joel Fuller.

A minority report was read by Rev. J. W. Perry.

Mr. Perry spoke in support of his report, followed by Mr. Pollard who spoke in defense of the majority report.

After a few remarks by the Bishop, the meeting adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convocation was called to order by the Bishop. The report of the Finance Committee was called for and was read by the Chairman, Rev. P. P. Alston.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee beg leave to say that they have carefully considered the Treasurer's report and find it correct.

We have compared the report of 1904 and 1905 with that of 1905 and 1906, and we find that there is an increase of $75.31.

In 1904 and 1905 the offerings were $294.66 and in 1905 and 1906, $369.97.

Your Committee would suggest that the reports from the several congregations be printed. And that the present system for raising funds for the Convocation be continued for the present year, and while all have not come up to the full measure of the requirements, let us hope and pray that the day is not far distant when we all shall feel the importance of rising up to the full responsibility which has been laid upon us.

ROBT. N. PERRY,
GEO. C. POLLARD,
ROBT. L. HARRIS,
LEVI THIGPEN,
P. P. ALSTON, Chairman

Rev. J. E. King moved that a portion of the report be referred back to the Committee for consultation with the Bishop

The Chairman moved that the present method of raising money from each congregation be continued.--Carried.

It was moved and carried that the Treasurer's report be printed along with the minutes of the Convocation.

Rev. J. E. King offered a resolution concerning a Convocation Sunday School.

The following resolution offered by Rev. A. B. Hunter as a substitute, with Mr. King's sanction, was adopted by the Convocation:

Resolved, that on the second day of its session, the Convocation sit as a Convocation Sunday School Institute, and that the Secretary be requested to ask for a report from each church and mission on their Sunday School work.

Rev. P. P. Alston then took the floor for the continuation of the discussion on a separate organization. He made a very strong plea to the Convocation to refuse to ask the Diocesan Convention to set the colored congregations apart in a separate convention. He was followed by Rev. J. W. Perry who argued for separation.

Bishop Cheshire at this point introduced resolutions on the same.

Mr. Wiley Latham took the floor and expressed himself as opposed to requesting the Diocesan Convention to set apart the colored people in a convention to themselves.

Rev. J. E. King took a firm position in opposing the movement.

Rev. J. E. King and Rev. H. B. Delany then spoke with much earnestness against Diocesan separation. The time of the session having expired, the Convocation adjourned.

FRIDAY—Evening Session.

Evening services were begun by singing hymn 176. The opening sentences and Psalter were read by Rev. Jno. S. Simmons. Bishop Chesire read the scripture lessons; the prayers were said by Rev. H. B. Delany.

Archdeacon Pollard then preached a sermon from St. Matthew 17th chapter, 4th verse.--"Then Peter answered and said, Lord it is good for us to be here; if thou wilt, let us

build here three tabernacles; one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias." He said that without faith, our religion is vain; without faith we can acomplish nothing Faith leads us to worship. But no man can stop at faith or worship only.

If we are lead to believe and to worship, then it leads us to work. We are instruments in the hand of God in bringing the kingdom of God.

After the offerings were taken and the closing prayers said, the service ended with the singing of hymn 404.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION

Morning prayers were conducted at 9:30 by Rev. H. B. Delany assisted by Rev. J. E. King.

After this service, the business session was called to order by the Archdeacon. The minutes of Friday's sessions were read and approved with necessary corrections.

The secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convocation for the election of Rev. A. B. Hunter as treasurer.

A motion was then carried that the Convocation pay the traveling expenses of the clergy and lay delegates.

On motion, a special appropriation of $10.90 was made for St. Phillip's Chapel, Noise.

The Committee on the State of the Church reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Tarboro, N. C.,
August 24th, 1906,

We, your Committee on the State of the Church, beg leave to express our thanks to Almighty God for His goodness to our Convocation as is manifested to us through the encouraging reports of both our clerical and lay delegates concerning the work done by them in the various parishes and missions during this convocation year. The Bishop's report for the present year is full of encouragement. Too

much cannot be said of his fostering care of the different mission stations of the Convocation. A comparison of the Archdeacon's report for the past year shows that there has been a general increase along all lines. Especially do we take pride in noting the progress made in schools. For it is through these that we must look for the growth of the Church among our people. We commend our St. Augustine's School and similar institutions of the Church as being worthy of the support of the Convocation and the Church at large. Especially do we welcome the establishment of the American Church Institute for Negroes and hope soon to realize its ennobling influence among us. All praise to God for the good work done by the Good Samaritan Hospital at Charlotte and St. Agnes Hospital in Raleigh. May they ever find willing hands and ready hearts to support them in their works of mercy. We note with pleasure the increased attendence of the members of the Woman's Auxiliary at our Convocation, and we hope that the influence of their organization may do much to inspire the Convocation to better things. It is encouraging to note that the financial condition of the Convocation is better than it has ever been.

For all such blessings we should thank God and take courage. In conclusion we wish again to assure our Bishop that we share with him the additional weight of responsibility which these racial discussions have placed upon him, and assure him we feel that this great Church ought to be sufficiently broad or charitable to encourage her weaker brethren by at least tolerating this one link of unity handed down from the Fathers.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. DELANY
C. H. MALE
OTIS GREEN

The report was adopted.

An offering of $6.12, was then taken up as a contribution to the mission at Noise for the purpose of purchasing a stove.

The order of the day was then taken up. Mr. Boyer then spoke upon the question of separation and urged upon the Convocation not to ask for a separation in the diocesan convention, but expressed himself as in favor of missionary jurisdictions and missionary bishops.

Rev. A. B. Hunter then made a few remarks on the question and suggested missionary districts and bishops as the best solution of the question, though he was not sure that the General Convention would grant it.

Rev. J. W. Perry then spoke again on the question. Rev. H. B. Delany spoke a second time reaffirming his position.

Rev. Jno. S. Simmons said that he thought, that a general separation can be effected without destroying the unity of the Church.

Mr. King then made a motion to adopt the majority report on the question of separation. This was amended by Mr. Boyer by inserting the words "In the Diocese of North .Carolina."

A vote was then taken on the report as amended.

MAJORITY REPORT.

We, your committe, to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's address relating to the question of a separate organization for the colored people in the Diocese of North Carolina; beg leave to report that we have examined the question carefully and prayerfully with all the light before us as gathered from the Scriptures, the History of the Church, the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal and cannot find any authority for such a separation; and we feel that we would do injustice to ourselves and the Christian cause by agreeing to any such separation and therefore we ask the adoption of the following resolutions:

First. Resolved, that in our judgment, no further steps be taken on the question of a separate organization for the colored people and that the agitation of the same be distinconued.

Second. Resolved, that if something must be done to harmonize the racial feelings in the matter as to advance the general work of the Church among both races, that we are willing to submit the question to the General Convention and to follow their Godly judgment.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. M. POLLARD,
J. E. KING,
WILEY LATHAM,
JOEL T. FULLER.

The roll was called and the Convocation voted by orders resulting as follows

CLERGY VOTE ON MAJORITY REPORT

Ayes—Revs. P. P. Alston, J. S. Simmons, J. E. King H. B. Delany, J. H. M. Pollard, C. H. Male, Robert Perry,

Nays—Revs. A. B. Hunter J. W. Perry—6 to 2.

LAYMEN

Ayes—Green Womack, Charlotte; Geo. C. Pollard, Louisburg, Walter B. Foster Louisburg; Joel T. Fuller, Noise; Wiley Latham, St. Ambrose; Chas. H. Boyer, St. Augustine's; Otis Green, Warrenton; Robert Johnson, Pittsboro; Jas. K. Satterwhite St. Luke's Robert Harris St. Luke's.

Nays—None.

The result of the vote was Clergy, 6 ayes 2 nays; a majority of 4. Laity, 10 ayes, no nays.

The majority report was adopted by concurrent vote. It was moved and seconded that the Archdeacon make the majority report of his next report to the Convention.

MINORITY REPORT.

Whereas, there is growing dissatisfaction on the part of some of the clergymen and laymen of this Diocese in regard to both races meeting in the same Diocesan Convention at the same time and at the same place, and

Whereas, action was delayed at the last Diocesan Convention on this matter in order that an expression might be had from the Convocation, therefore

Be it resolved, that the clergymen and laymen in Convocation assembled, ask our Bishops and the clerical and lay deputies who will attend the next General Convention to be held in Richmond, Va., in October, 1907, to use their influence to get the General Convention to enact a canon by which missionary jurisdictions may be formed, by grouping two or more states together, and enact a canon by which missionary bishops may be elected

for these missionary districts. This is the only reasonable way that a separation can be made in our judgment.

JOHN W. PERRY.

Rev. A. B. Hunter extended an invitation to the Convocation to meet at St. Augustine's Chapel next year. On motion the invitation was accepted.

On motion it was decided that the Convocation meet next year at the call of the Archdeacon.

The meeting adjourned to reassemble at the conclusion of the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, in the afternoon.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOCN SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by the Archdeacon after the conclusion of the meeting of the Womans Auxiliary.

On motion it was voted to publish in the Convocation Journal such a part of the minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary as may be necessary.

It was moved and carried that the stipend of $150 per annum be continued for Rev. C. H. Male, at Oxford.

It was moved and seconded that all reports to the Convocation be closed on the 1st of August.—Carried.

It has been moved and seconded that the Convocation extend a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and congregation of St. Luke's Church for the very excellent manner in which they have entertained us; and that the Archdeacon be requested to express the same at the Sunday night service.

On motion it was voted to pay the traveling expenses of Rev. Robert N. Perry from Charlotte to the Convocation and to Wilson.

Sunday morning service began at 11 o'clock. The processional hymn was "Onward Christian Soldiers". The opening sentence and Psalter were read by Rev. J. S. Simmons. The Scripture lessons were read by Rev. P. P. Alston, the creed and closing prayers were said by Rev, J. E. King. Hymn 265 was sung, followed by a sermon by Rev.

H. B. Delany of Raleigh, who chose as his text the 8th verse of the 2nd chapter of Ephesians, "For by grace are ye saved but that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God".

He spoke of the dual nature of man, the natural gifts of intellect, sensibility and the will, and of grace as a supernatural gift of God, by which men are drawn to Him and saved. Grace is not only the gift of God, but it is a basis of an acceptable service to God. It is also a balm for all spiritual ills.

After the offerings were presented and the closing prayers and benediction were said by the Archdeacon, the service ended with the singing of the recessional hymn.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—AFTERNOON.

After the opening services, addresses were made by Rev. P. P. Alston, Rev. Robert Perry, and Mr. C. H. Boyer, which were practical and helpful.

Sunday night services began with the singing of hymn 383. The opening sentences and psalter were read by Rev. Robert Perry, the scripture lessons by Rev. J. E. King. After singing hymn 507, Rev. C. H. Male preached from the text found in St. Luke, 10th chapter 3rd verse: "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him." He drew a practical lesson of usefulness in the Samaritan's act of kindness to one whose national customs and antipathies forbade any communication or dealings of any sort.

After the sermon, the Te Deum Laudamus in A was sung as an anthem. Rev. J. E. King then made a brief address reviewing the work of the Convocation, and thanking the people for their hospitality, courtesy and kindness, to the members of the Convocation. He was followed by the Archdeacon, who besought the delegates to urge upon their congregations to meet their pledges promptly for the two missionaries who depend upon them for their salaries. He urged upon the congregation to foster a greater love and devotion for the Church.

After the offertory, the closing prayers and benediction by the Archdeacon, hymn 396 was sung as recessional and the Convocation of 1906 ended.

C. H. BOYER, Secretary.

Minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary.

August 26, 1906.

The meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at 4:00 P. M.

The opening service was conducted by Archdeacon J. H. M. Pollard.

At a previous meeting called by Bishop Cheshire at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Perry he informed us of the resignations of Mrs. H. B. Delany as President, and Mrs. A. B. Hunter, Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Archdeaconry for Work Among Colored people. He also instructed us to nominate the officers necessary, who would, if he thought well, be appointed by him.

Mrs. J. W. Perry was asked to preside over the public meeting and Miss M. E. Phillips to act as Secretary. The meeting was, therefore, called to order by Mrs. Perry.

The roll was called and the following delegates responded:

Charlotte—St. Michael and all Angels, Mrs. Alice Perry.

Noise—St. Phillip's, Mrs. J. T. Fuller.

Raleigh—St. Ambrose, Mrs. Susan Towns and M. E. Phillips.

Tarboro—St. Luke's, Miss C. C. Perry.

Wilson—St. Mark's, Miss Boyken.

Warrenton—All Saints, Miss Lucy Ransom.

Reports of work done in the various branches were then called for.

The report read by Mrs. Perry from St. Michael and All Angels showed greater activity and more work accomplished along missionary lines, than in previous years.

There was not a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary at Noise. Mrs. Fuller reported that she had come seeking to know more about Auxiliary work so that she might be able to accomplish something in the coming year.

Miss M. E. Phillips reported for St. Ambrose. Owing to some misunderstanding the pledges had not been paid, but the branch was in a healthier condition than ever before. The meetings had been more interesting and better attended. Two of the Intercessory days had been observed. The outlook for the future is very encouraging.

The Secretary read the report of the Secretary of St. Augustine's Chapel branch. The report made mention of the subjects studied during the year and the Intercessory days observed. The Treasurer's reports of St. Augustine's Chapel, Woman's Junior and Baby branches, also St. Augustine's School Junior branch were read.

Mrs. J. W. Perry read a report of St. Luke's Aid Society. Some missionary work had been done, but for the most part, the work accomplished had been for the parish.

The work of the branch of All Saints, as reported by Miss Ransom was altogether for the Mission, but a great desire was expressed to learn more of the Auxiliary that they may begin doing the work properly.

St. Marks has not a branch, but Miss Boyken was desirous of learning something of the work in order to organize one.

A motion prevailed that we nominate the officers. The result of the nomination was as follows: President, Mrs. N. J. Delany, Secretary M. E. Phillips, Treasurer Mrs. P. A. King.

These officers have been duly appointed by the Bishop.

A paper "Our Duty as Christian Women to Engage in the Missionary Work of the Church" was read by Miss C. C. Perry.

At the request of the President Mrs. P. A. King gave a talk on the Woman's Auxiliary.

The Secretary read the report of the President, Mrs. Delany, to the Bishop, of the work done during the year. The number of branches visited and heard from by mail were reported, and the condition of each very carefully outlined.

Miss Phillips urged the necessity of a branch of the Womans Auxiliary in each parish and mission and earnestly begged the hearty co-operation of the clergy on building up the work.

Five minute talks were asked of the members of the Convocation who were present and desired to speak. Rev. J. W. Perry, P. P. Alston, Rev. A. B. Hunter, Rev. J. E. King, and Rev. H. B. Delany responded with very helpful and encouraging remarks.

Archdeacon Pollard made the closing remarks explaining how diocesan and parish officers of the Auxiliary are appointed. How in the missions and parishes there might be a Parish Aid Society and a Woman's Auxiliary also each doing its own work independently of the other and both subject to the approval of the minister in charge.

Hymn 249 was sung and an offering taken in St Luke's United Offering box.

Benediction by Archdeacon J. H .M. Pollard.

MARY E. PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

CONSTITUTION.

I

This body shall be known as the Convocation of the Archdeaconry for work among Colored People in the diocese of North Carolina, and shall conform to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

II

The Convocation shall consist of all clergymen and layreaders engaged in this work together with one delegate from each church or mission.

Five clergymen and five delegates shall constitute a quorum.

III

The officers shall be as follows: The Bishop of the Diocese, ex-officio, President; The Archdeacon, Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

IV

The object of the Convocation shall be to advance the cause of this work by conference and discussion of questions connected with this special field and by any other means to deepen the spirit of missions generally and further, when called by the Archdeacon may unite in any special missionary effort.

V

There shall be an annual meeting at such time and place as may be appointed by the Convocation, or by the Bishop. Special meetings may be called by the Bishop of the Diocese, the Archdeacon or by special resolution of the Convocation.